

In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph on page 19, beginning at line 10:

Figure 11 illustrates the interaction between KIR-Fc fusion proteins and cells or KIR-specific monoclonal antibodies. Figure 11A utilizes FACS for studying the interaction between KIR-Fc fusion proteins and cells. Figure 11B demonstrates the binding of KIR-specific monoclonal antibodies with KIR2DL1(R131W)-hFc and KIR2DL1-hFc.

Please substitute following paragraph on page 59, beginning at line 16:

The KIR2DL1 and KIR2DL3 recombinant proteins were produced in *E. coli*. cDNA encoding the entire extracellular domain of KIR2DL1 and KIR2DL3 were amplified by PCR from pCDM8 clone 47.11 vector (Biassoni et al, 1993) and RSVS(gpt)183 clone 6 vector (Wagtmann et al, 1995) respectively, using the following primers:

Sense: 5'-GGAATTCCAGGAGGAATTTAAAATGCATGAGGGAGTCCACAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:17)

Anti-sense: 5'-CGGGATCCCAGGTGTCTGGGGTTACC-3' (SEQ ID NO:18)

They were cloned into the pML1 expression vector in frame with a sequence encoding a biotinylation signal (Saulquin et al, 2003).

Please substitute Figures 12 and 13 with new Figure 12 (page 12/13) and Figure 13 (page 13/13) attached hereto.

Please insert new pages 1-6 (Sequence Listing) attached hereto.